

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT



**Application No. 16385** of Ferne and Joseph Goldberg, as amended, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3107.2 for a variance from the on-site parking requirements of ten parking spaces (Section 2101) for a church with a sanctuary with 90 seats in a C-3-A District at premises 1205 Good Hope Road, S.E. (Square 5769, Lot 867).

**HEARING DATE:** November 4, 1998

**DECISION DATE:** November 4, 1998 (Bench Decision)

**SUMMARY ORDER**

The application was amended to reflect that the subject site is located on Lot 867 of Square 5769, rather than Lot 866.

The Board provided proper and timely notice of public hearing on this application by publication in the D.C. Register, and by mail to Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6C and to owners of property within 200 feet of the site.

The site of this application is located within the jurisdiction of ANC 6C. ANC 6C, which is automatically a party to this application, did not file a report on the application.

As directed by 11 DCMR 3324.2, the Board has required the applicant to satisfy the burden of proving the elements which are necessary to establish the case for a variance from the strict application of the requirements of 11 DCMR 2101. No person or entity appearing as a party to this case testified in opposition to the application. Accordingly, a decision by the Board to grant this application would not be adverse to any party.


Based upon the record before the Board, the Board concludes that the applicant has met the burden of proof, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3107.2, that there exists an exceptional or extraordinary situation or condition related to the property which creates a practical difficulty for the owner in complying with the Zoning Regulations, and that the requested relief can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent, purpose, and integrity of the zone plan as embodied in the Zoning Regulations and Map. It is therefore **ORDERED** that this application be **GRANTED, SUBJECT** to the following **CONDITION**:

The applicants shall provide 10 parking spaces, for the exclusive use of the church, at 1215 – 1217 Good Hope Road, SE.

Pursuant to 11 DCMR 3301.1, the Board has determined to waive the requirement of 11 DCMR 3331.1 that the order of the Board be accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law. The waiver will not prejudice the rights of any party, and is appropriate in this case.

**VOTE: 3-0** (Betty King, Sheila Cross Reid and Jerry H. Gilreath to grant.)

**BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT**

ATTESTED BY:   
SHERI M. PRUITT-WILLIAMS  
Interim Director

**FINAL DATE OF ORDER:** NOV 13 1998

PURSUANT TO D.C. CODE SEC. 1-2531 (1987), SECTION 267 OF D.C. LAW 2-38, THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY FULLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF D.C. LAW 2-38, AS AMENDED, CODIFIED AS D.C. CODE, TITLE 1, CHAPTER 25 (1987), AND THIS ORDER IS CONDITIONED UPON FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE PROVISIONS. THE FAILURE OR REFUSAL OF APPLICANT TO COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISIONS OF D.C. LAW 2-38, AS AMENDED, SHALL BE A PROPER BASIS FOR THE REVOCATION OF THIS ORDER.

UNDER 11 DCMR 3103.1, "NO DECISION OR ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN DAYS AFTER HAVING BECOME FINAL PURSUANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BEFORE THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT."

THIS ORDER OF THE BOARD IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDER, UNLESS WITHIN SUCH PERIOD AN APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS.

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**BZA APPLICATION NO. 16385**

As Interim Director of the Office of Zoning, I hereby certify and attest that on NOV 13 1998 a copy of the order entered on that date in this matter before the Board of Zoning Adjustment was mailed first class postage prepaid to each party who appeared and participated in the public hearing concerning this matter, and who is listed below:

Pastor Joseph Hughes  
6706 Cathedral Avenue  
Lanham, Maryland 20706

ATTESTED BY: *Sheri M. Pruitt-Williams*  
SHERI M. PRUITT-WILLIAMS  
Interim Director

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